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MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOM/SG

FROM: HQ USAF/SG3
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SUBJECT: Clarification on Guidance for the Use of Influenza Vaccine for the 2010-2011 Influenza Season

Due to questions that have arisen regarding the SG3 memo issued 23 Aug 2010, "Policy for the Use of Influenza Vaccine for the 2010-2011 Influenza Season" (attachment 1), the ASD(HA) memo, 19 Jul 2010, "Policy for the Use of Influenza Vaccine for the 2010-2011 Influenza Season" (attachment 2), and the Air Force 2010-2011 Influenza Immunization Program Guidance (attachment 3), clarification is required.

This year, TRICARE beneficiaries may obtain influenza and pneumococcal vaccines at an authorized TRICARE retail network pharmacy. However, Medical Treatment Facilities (MTFs) ordered enough vaccine to cover all of the service members and a significant portion of other beneficiaries empanelled to their facility. To ensure conservation of resources and to ensure compliance with the requirement for uniformed personnel to be vaccinated against influenza, all Active Duty Air Force and Air Reserve Component personnel on full-time military status located on an installation with an MTF must receive their vaccines through the MTF.

Air Force service members who are not located on an installation with an MTF (and are considered to be geographically separated based on local determination) or those members in part-time military status (ARC members) should follow local or MAJCOM policy for receiving their vaccination. If no such policy exists, service members may receive their vaccination through a TRICARE network provider or authorized TRICARE retail network pharmacy. IAW the ASD(HA) memo (attachment 1), if service members receive their influenza vaccination through non-military facilities, commanders must ensure service members provide vaccination records to an MTF immunization clinic (preferably an Air Force immunization clinic) within 72 hours, for documentation in an approved immunization tracking system IAW AFJI 48-110. This will ensure completed vaccinations are captured in their unit's Individual Medical Readiness rates.

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Attachments:

1. SG3 memo, 23 Aug 2010, "Policy for the Use of Influenza Vaccine for the 2010-2011 Influenza Season"
2. ASD(HA) memo, 19 Jul 2010, "Policy for the Use of Influenza Vaccine for the 2010-2011 Influenza Season"
3. Air Force 2010-2011 Influenza Immunization Program Guidance